

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1461 - HB 1163

March 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty one classification higher than is currently provided for the knowing manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession with intent to manufacture, deliver or sell of methamphetamine when: (1) a firearm is found on the premises; (2) possession, transportation, or disposal of materials involved in manufacture created a substantial risk to human health or safety or a danger to the environment; (3) a person under the age of 13 was present during the manufacturing process; or (4) the manufacturing was to take place or did take place within 500 feet of a residence, place of business, church or school. Creates various other Class D and C felonies regarding possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine and drug paraphernalia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$27,327,300/Incarceration*

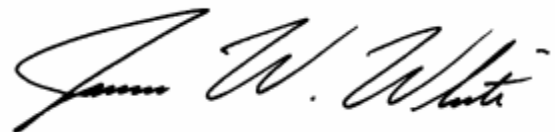
Assumption:

- 513 offenders will have sentences elevated for various offenses related to methamphetamine ranging from Class E felony to Class A felony convictions.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director